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SUBJECT: US- CHILEAN BILATERAL TALKS ON COMPENSATION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: TALKS ENDED AS SCHEDULED AFTER TWO DAYS INTENSE DISCUSSIONS. THERE WERE NO SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS OR AGREEMENTS REACHED. BOTH SIDES MAINTAINED RESPECTIVE LEGAL AND POLICY POSITIONS WITH NO INDICATION BY CHILEANS OF WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE, DIRECT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

2. CHILEANS OFFERED " FORMAL " PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO PROCEDURE CONTEMPLATED IN NEVER- USED 1914 BILATERAL TREATY. WHILE NOT REJECTING PROPOSAL, U. S. EMPHASIZED IT WAS NOT INTERESTED IN COSMETIC DEVICES AND THAT RECOURSE TO 1914 PROCEDURE AS PROPOSED BY CHILE WOULD HAVE LITTLE, IF ANY, PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES ON CHILEAN POLITICAL AND CONSTITU-
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TIONAL INHIBITIONS TO A SUBSTANTIVE SETTLEMENT. IN FACT, CHILEANS MADE 1914 OFFER EVEN MORE UNACCEPTABLE BY INTIMATING THAT FULL RANGE OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS, IN ADDITION TO COPPER, WOULD BE SUBMITTED BY CHILE TO 1914 PROCEDURE.

3. DEBATE CENTERED AROUND U. S. POSITION THAT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON ARTICLE 4 OF 1972 PARIS CLUB AGREEMENT WAS PREFERRED MECHANISM FOR EXPEDITIOUS AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTION. CHILEANS MAINTAINED 1914 TREATY WAS VALID INSTRUMENT WHICH OFFERED ONLY " PRACTICAL" MEANS FOR INFLUENCE. THE GOVT HAS EVERY RIGHT TO BE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE SESSION; SUCH MEASURES AS THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, ANDEAN PACT AND AGRARIAN REFORM ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES. SOME BILLS THAT DID NOT GET ALL THE WAY THROUGH CONGRESS DID NOT FAIL BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION, BUT RATHER TO LACK OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. THE QUITO SUEÑO TREATY AND THE CRIME AND DRUG BILLS APPEAR CERTAIN TO PASS DURING THE REGULAR SESSION THAT BEGINS IN JULY. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS GIVING THE STATUS OF BILLS IN CONGRESS. SACCIO

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